

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragraph on starting on page 7, line 23, and ending on page 7, line 28, with the following:**

The upper construction 14 can additionally include receiving devices 18 which are suitable for receiving the corresponding surface portions ~~15~~ 12 and which hold them stationarily in their position in the upper construction. The receiving devices 18 are of a configuration which is tray-like or approximately rectangular in cross-section in order laterally to delimit the surface portions 12.

**Please replace the paragraph on starting on page 9, line 30, and ending on page 10, line 4, with the following:**

In a further embodiment illustrated in Figure 5, provided in the individual surface portions is an arrangement comprising conductingly connected vessels 28. This can involve a hose 25 filled with a fluid (see Figure 4a) which is arranged in predetermined loop lines in the upper construction. The stiffness and the degree of filling of the hose are so set that a movement occurs, in a comparable fashion to a water bed. Disposed on such a hose bundle is a suitable tread layer which transmits to the foot, local compression of the hose as the information 'yielding substrate'.

**Please replace the paragraph on starting on page 10, line 10, and ending on page 10, line 15, with the following:**

In a closely related embodiment as shown in Figure 6 the individual surface portions comprise bar portions 27 which are disposed substantially upright in closely mutually juxtaposed relationship, wherein such bar portions of equal stiffness can be combined together in groups. That arrangement affords a differing profile in respect of height over the surface portion.